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Dear Chairmen Moore, Markley, Abercrombie and Ranking Member Case and distinguished members of the Human Services Committee.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Raised **HB 5257 AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY OR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.**

HB 5257 aims at reducing from seventy-two hours to twenty-four hours the amount of time that a mandated reporter has to file a report of suspected abuse or neglect involving a person with intellectual/developmental disability or autism spectrum disorder. There are multiple categories of mandated reporters within the various agencies providing services to persons with intellectual/developmental disability and autism spectrum disorder.

HB 5257 provides a list of mandated reporters who are required to report suspected abuse or neglect to the commissioner within twenty-four hours. The bill has a provision to allow for unsuccessful attempts to report to the commissioner within the twenty-four hour period if the suspected abuse or neglect occurred on a weekend.

The bill does not change the requirement that a written report must be filed within five calendar days of the initial report.

Thank you again to the Human Services Committee for raising this bill and for your continued efforts and steadfast commitment to protecting persons with intellectual/developmental disability and autism spectrum disorder.

Sincerely yours,

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